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POLAND: Preparations Continue for Demonstrations

Solidarity and the regime stepped up their preparations over the weekend for the demonstrations the union has called for tomorrow.

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After nearly two months of silence, Radio Solidarity on Saturday returned to the air and appealed for a large turnout and for police to either disobey orders or behave with moderation. In a second broadcast, Solidarity activists demonstrated their technical expertise and determination by interrupting the national news program briefly.

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The regime continued its efforts to harass organizers by arresting at least 27 for antistate activities and by closing down underground printing presses in several cities. Police forces in the major cities have been strengthened, and at least some regular military units appear to be in an increased state of readiness. [redacted]

The regime has also continued its war of words. Premier Jaruzelski yesterday warned that martial law must be respected and that violations will not be tolerated.

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The media also continued to report joint Polish-Soviet military exercises. There has been no unusual training activity by major units of the two Soviet divisions stationed in Poland. [redacted]

Poland's bishops yesterday called on both the regime and Solidarity to celebrate tomorrow in a spirit of calm and urged restraint on those who would resolve the current conflict through violence. The bishops argued that dialogue is the only way to resolve the confrontation. [redacted]

Comment: The bishops' call for calm is unlikely to have a significant effect. Some potential demonstrators will read some words of encouragement into the message, and others, who have already become convinced that the Church is too conciliatory toward the regime, will ignore it. Regime officials remain adamant that the demonstrations tomorrow must be stopped lest they encourage additional opposition activity. [redacted]

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